

Public-funded vocational school teacher training program launched for students participating in WorldSkills at 2022 school year industrial skills competition award ceremony

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The National Senior High School Industrial Skills Competition Award Ceremony for the school year of 2022 was held on November 25 at the Starlight Conference Center on the 7th floor of Hall 2, Taipei Nangang Exhibition Center. Wen-Chung Pan, Minister of Education, the sponsor, and Tsan-Chin Tseng, Head of the Department of Education, Taipei City Government, the organizer, presented a total of 172 Golden Hand Awards and 281 Prizes for Excellence to individual competitors in 28 skill categories together. Minister Pan also announced on the spot that the Ministry of Education will launch a public-funded vocational school teacher training program in the school year of 2023.

Minister Pan stated in his speech that the student skills competition is not only a stage for students to demonstrate their skills but also a platform to display of their valuable learning process. To enable the competitors to develop an international perspective, the Ministry of Education has send the gold and silver award winners of the Golden Hand Awards to observe

and learn from the overseas industries since 2018. Furthermore, Minister Pan emphasized that the Ministry of Education has vigorously supported technical and vocational education in recent years in alignment with the 2019 curriculum guidelines, significantly improving the equipment and learning environment of the vocational schools and the universities of science and technology, and motivating the schools and industries to work more closely. In addition, the production line and regional industry talent cultivation centers have been established and the industry-academia collaboration program 2.0 has also been implemented.

Finally, Minister Pan made a special announcement that the Ministry of Education will launch the public-funded vocational school teacher training mechanism in the school year of 2023 and select students who participated in WorldSkills for this program. After completing the education program and securing the teacher certification, the national competitors will be assigned to public vocational schools as formal teachers.

The Ministry of Education stated that Taiwan's national competitors have demonstrated outstanding performance at WorldSkills over the years. To allow each award-winning national competitor to further develop their professional skills, the government will continue to assist them in working with the industries, thereby continuing to enhance their skills. Meanwhile, the Ministry of Education will launch the Public-Funded Vocational Teacher Training Program for WorldSkills Participants in the school year of 2023. At present, we have requested the Ministry of Labor to conduct a survey on the willingness of national competitors of the 45th and 46th WorldSkills (who are still university students) to serve as teachers in the public vocational schools. Subsequently, we will negotiate with public vocational schools to offer job openings for public-funded teachers and launch a program in 2023 to assist universities (where they pursue their studies) to provide public-funded teacher education courses for them. After completing the courses and securing the teacher certification in the future, they will be assigned to public vocational schools as formal teachers by the Ministry of Education. We believe that the above-mentioned program will provide these outstanding skills competitors with another stable job choice in their future career development paths and allow them to pass down their professional

skills from generation to generation.